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To: County and District Superintendents

Charter School Principals

Attention: Accountability Coordinators

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Subject: Revised 2000 API (Growth) Detailed School-Level API Reports

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that the revised detailed reports are scheduled to be available on the Internet on November 3. These reports are similar to the detailed 1999 API reports mailed to you earlier this year and will be available on the following web site.

The Internet site address is: http://www.cde.ca.gov/psaa/api/growthdetail/

The detailed report is in portable document form (PDF) and requires Acrobat Reader software in order to be viewed or printed. (Acrobat Reader is available as a free download by following the instructions on the restricted Internet site.) The detailed report contains the same API information as that included in the summary report (also available on the Internet) as well as additional information about

- A detailed breakdown of the 2000 API Growth calculations, including distribution of student scores by performance band and by content area
- API growth results for each numerically significant ethnic and socioeconomically disadvantaged subgroup in the school, including distribution of student subgroup scores by performance band and by content area

Over 400 schools did not have their API reported due to data problems, which are being remedied. On December 7, 2000, summary reports for those 400 plus schools will be released. The summary reports can be accessed through the website: http://api.cde.ca.gov/. In mid-December detailed reports for these schools will be available on the Internet. The detailed reports can be accessed through the Internet site discussed above.

In January, the 2000 API (Base) reports including state rankings and similar schools rankings will be released. Additionally, special small school API reports will be released in January. These reports will be generated for small schools with 11-99 valid Stanford 9 test scores in 2000.

Consult the PSAA web site, http://www.cde.ca.gov/psaa, for updated information about the API and other provisions of the Public Schools Accountability Act. If you have questions about the 1999-2000 API Growth Reports, contact the Educational Planning and Information Center (EPIC) at epic@cde.ca.gov or by telephone at (916) 657-2273.